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Reply comments RM-10666

#1, Community Broadcasters Association: The CBA has the idea that local television is more important than translators bringing in primary stations. An LPTV station might work in our small community but only by importing a satellite delivered program all the time. You might call this a local station but it would not be localism as the CBA seems to see it. There has been no interest in originating LPTV stations here in our thin population in the time since LPTV started.

We hope the CBA's misplaced opposition will not block the NTA proposal that will let us get more translators whenever we are able to move ahead (can budget for construction).

#2 Reply to Comments of IEEE 802

Although these comments come through as mean spirited this was probably not the intent.

The best we can say is the IEEE committee is probably made up of urban people who just don't understand our problem.

The NTA and many local translator groups are volunteer organizations. Why would we go to the trouble of raising money for translators if we didn't have a need.

Keeping translators going, frequently at difficult mountain top locations is difficult and we would be glad if we didn't have to do it.

The members of IEEE Committee 801 are just off base and we hope their ill informed comments will not lead the FCC to think we don't have a need for a better way to apply for translator licenses.

It is definitely our opinion that a change as outlined by the NTA is needed.

Garfield County Commissioners.